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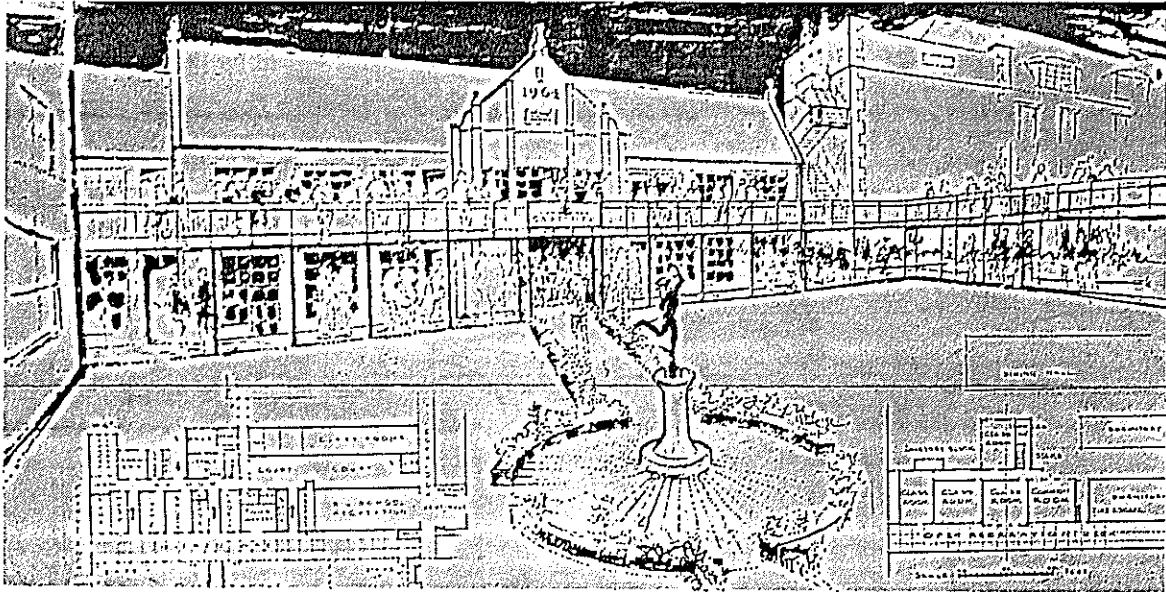
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SPECIAL EDITION

1963 APPEAL WILL CLIMAX CROWDED ERA OF EXPANSION

—G. A. FISHER WING main objective

A £25,000 Appeal launched this month presages another great step forward in the growth of T.A.S. It will finance a building (see Architect's drawing below) to be known as the G. A. Fisher Wing and will mark another stage in the development which began in 1959 and which has already given the School the completion of the Science block, Kitchen improvements and White House under construction.



The tremendous enthusiasm of Old Boys to a proposal given its first public consideration at the recent Old Boys' Dinner has encouraged the early announcement of plans to develop the fourth and final phase of the School's current Building Programme. The School Council has decided to erect a building which will be a lasting testimonial to the long service and achievement of G. A. Fisher.

The Committee of Council and Old Boys feels sure that many or most of the 1100 new donors anticipated will be keen to contribute to this Appeal which will so directly pay tribute to G. A. Fisher.

There will be many others

Bishop's Message

"It gives me great pleasure to announce in this special issue of 'Binghi' that the building to be financed by the 1963 Appeal will honour the former Headmaster of The Armidale School, Mr. G. A. Fisher.

"Mr. Fisher became Headmaster at a time when the School was at a low ebb and the number of boys not much beyond 100. During this term of 22 years he gained the confidence of parents and boys in such measure that he built the School roll to over 300 and earned the fitting tribute this new building will provide.

"I invite and anticipate an especially ready and generous response to the Appeal because of its link with the name of our former Headmaster".

who have already given generously but would welcome the opportunity to become part of such a special project.

The success of the 1959 Appeal enabled the School to embark on a period of urgently needed building and as the third phase, White House, nears completion the fourth phase has already become a critical necessity to the future efficiency and standing of the School.

VITAL EXPANSION TO CONTINUE

The 1963 Appeal for £25,000 launched this month, will finance the major outstanding needs. The main use of these funds will be for the construction of a new building, the G. A. Fisher Wing.

A secondary but very important aim is the completion of the third floor of the Science block to give new class rooms and General Science laboratory.

MANY FEATURES IN NEW WING

The new wing will bring together many aspects of the daily life of the School in a fine, modern setting.

It will replace the whole of the present covered-way area, the dilapidated old timber structure which is an eyesore on the School property.

It will house three classrooms and a visual aid centre equipping the School for many sides of teaching which are poorly catered for now. It will provide a tuck-shop right in the heart of the School, with facilities for visitors' functions as

well as the usual stores and day-boys' lunches.

A Cadet Centre and Shooting Club store will be an important part of the building. In addition there will be a new Masters' Common Room together with store and administrative rooms. Finally—and this will have tremendous appeal to boys and parents—there will be a spacious and modern amenities block.

RECOGNITION OF 22 GREAT YEARS

Mr. G. A. Fisher spent 22 years as Headmaster of T.A.S. During those years he became to many its greatest headmaster. Certainly he guided the School through its great years of expansion.

There were 120 boys when he took office in 1940, 320 boys when he left in 1961. And in those years T.A.S. had become a firmly established name in academics and sport, the training of boys, the making of men.



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APPEAL OBJECTIVES URGENT

Master Plan Continues

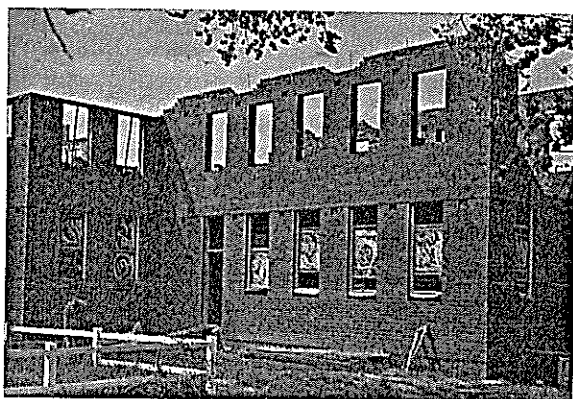
The first objective of the 1963 Appeal is to replace the dilapidated southern section along the Covered Way with a handsome new building to be known as "The G. A. Fisher Wing".

The wing will comprise:—

- Modern classrooms; Visual Aid Centre.
- Masters' Common Room.
- Change Rooms.
- Cadet Centre and Shooting Club.
- Tuckshop.
- Store and Administrative Rooms.

Such a building is the fourth stage of the School Council's master plan which was conceived while Mr. Fisher was Headmaster. The completion of the second storey of the Science Block, the installing of a fine new cool room and better kitchen appliances, and the construction of "White House" now in progress (photo above) have come as a fulfilment of the first three objectives of the current building programme.

The School Council is very



"WHITE HOUSE" PROGRESS—OCTOBER, 1963

pleased to report that at this stage, four years after its launching, the promises made to the 1959 Appeal are well up to schedule, and the next twelve months should see the subscription of the full amount promised.

We would point out that the

new Wing will supply the school's immediate needs which have been made the more urgent by the introduction of the six-year curriculum of the Wyndham scheme. We are most anxious to meet the demands the Scheme imposes upon us effectively.

NEWS ITEMS

AN EARLY GIFT—

£24 (unsolicited) from the boys, raised at an impromptu concert.

SPEECH DAY—

The Prime Minister has accepted the Bishop's invitation to be our guest for Speech Day (December 11). He will open White House.

G.P.S. RUGBY—

T.A.S. will field 1st and 2nd XV's in the main G.P.S. competition next year.

SHOOTING—

T.A.S. came a good third in the aggregate at the G.P.S. Shooting this year.

"Urgent Challenge"

—Headmaster

The Headmaster, Mr. A. H. Cash, commenting on the present position, said: "I regard this Appeal as of tremendous importance to the School. The Wyndham Scheme has imposed on us an urgent challenge. Not only will the Sixth Year demand special study conditions which we cannot provide at present, but even now the new curriculum is straining our resources. Some of our older classrooms are inadequate in size and facilities. If we are not to fall behind, we need to build modern well-equipped classrooms, using the old ones for studies, comfortable living and recreation for boys. Besides, the wooden wing along the Covered Way has passed beyond repair. I can visualise here a grand opportunity to bring this part of the School up to the standard of the newer buildings and give scope for better teaching facilities and better amenities for boys. This new building, set in the hub of the school, will give boys something in which they can take a pride, and by completing an area which Gordon Fisher developed and beautified will, I believe, crown his endeavours and be a fitting tribute to his great headmastership".

All Gifts To Appeal Are 100% Allowable Tax Deduction

The scale below shows the "sliding-scale" nature of Taxation concessions available to Appeal donors.

| Taxable Income | ANNUAL GIFTS OF WILL SAVE IN TAX | | | | | | | | | | Tax Saving in every £ |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------------------|
| | £20 | £35 | £50 | £100 | £150 | £200 | £250 | £300 | £500 | £1,000 | |
| £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| 1,000 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 18 | 27 | | | | | | 3/7 |
| 1,500 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 26 | 38 | 50 | | | | | 5/1 |
| 2,000 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 30 | 45 | 61 | 75 | | | | 6/2 |
| 2,500 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 36 | 53 | 70 | 86 | 103 | | | 7/1 |
| 3,000 | 8 | 14 | 20 | 39 | 59 | 78 | 97 | 115 | 188 | | 7/11 |
| 3,500 | | 14 | 21 | 41 | 62 | 83 | 104 | 125 | 103 | | 8/3 |
| 4,000 | | | 22 | 44 | 66 | 87 | 109 | 131 | 217 | 420 | 8/8 |
| 4,500 | | | | 49 | 73 | 96 | 119 | 142 | 235 | 452 | 9/7 |
| 5,000 | | | | | 73 | 98 | 123 | 147 | 245 | 480 | 9/9 |
| 7,500 | | | | | | 110 | 138 | 165 | 275 | 550 | 10/11 |
| 10,000 | | | | | | | 144 | 172 | 287 | 574 | 11/6 |

YOUR PART IN APPEAL

New Donors Sought

Over 1100 friends of the School who did not participate in the 1959 Appeal will be invited to contribute to the 1963 appeal.

A work force of 200 supporters — Old Boys, Parents, Friends—is being enlisted to make personal calls on almost all these potential donors, opening up whole new areas in answer to this very important challenge of the Schools' immediate needs.

A further group has been organised to write personal letters to those—something like 200—whose homes are too remote for personal contact.

FIVE-YEAR GIFTS

These active volunteer committee members have already nominated their own generous gifts to the Appeal and will commence their calls—personally or by mail—in the very near future.

The goal of The Armidale School Building Fund (1963) is to raise the sum of AT LEAST £25,000.

It is planned to achieve this by asking for contributions payable at regular intervals over a five-year period. The amounts can be paid monthly, quarterly,

half-yearly or annually, as the donor chooses, over this full period of the Fund.

The whole intensive campaign of the next few weeks will be an organised, but very personal, appeal for subscriptions on this five-year basis.

DECIDING FACTORS

Before deciding on the amount of your regular gift, please consider carefully these essential points:—

The genuine merit of the appeal: based on—

- Your esteem for the School and its ideals
- Your responsibility towards boys of today and tomorrow
- Your appreciation of the value of your own school-days.
- Your gratitude to past benefactors
- Your recognition of the contribution T.A.S. has made and can make, through its unique qualities, to the development of an expanding nation.

Contributing Factors—

● Your contributions entitle you to 100% Tax Rebate each year.

● No other approach will be made to subscribers to this Appeal in the next five years.

When you, personally are asked to complete a Gift Card, please make your regular subscriptions as generous as possible.

Recent photograph shows the old covered-way area to be demolished, making way for the new G. A. Fisher Wing.

